

**(3) Remarks**

This amendment cancels claims 23 through 27 and presents new claims 43-45, which are fully described in the original disclosure and eliminate some of the issues presented against other claims in the parent application. All claims are believed to be allowable in the application and over the prior art.

In essence, the new claims present previous claims 10 and 17 without language previously held to lack support.

Applicants renew their requests that the application be placed in interference with U.S. Patent 5,937,890.

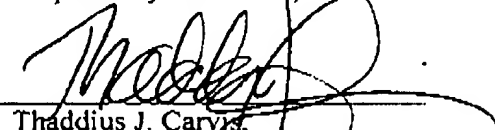
Claims 1-9, which are the claims from Appellants' original patent, U.S. Patent 6,039,304, referred to herein as the '304 patent, stand allowed.

The claims copied for the purpose of interference, namely claims 10-42, have all been rejected but are allowable for the reasons presented earlier.

And, because new claims 43 through 45 eliminate some of the bases for rejection in the earlier claims, they should not be rejected for the same reasons as the earlier claims.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of all claims are believed in order and are requested.

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